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The references cited on the enclosed form PTO-1449 (copies of references enclosed) are brought to the attention of the Office in accordance with the duty of disclosure defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 since they may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application.

The attention of the Office is also directed to the following related copending patent applications (copies enclosed) assigned to Hughes Electronics Corporation, the assignee of the present application:

- (1) Serial No. 09/271,997 filed March 18, 1999, inventors: Donald C. D. Chang, John I. Novak III, Kar W. Yung, Frank A. Hagen, Ming U. Chang, William W. Mayfield, for "Multiple Satellite Mobile Communications Method and Apparatus For Hand-Held Terminals";

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- (2) Serial No. 08/803,937, filed February 21, 1997, inventors: Donald C. D. Chang, Kar W. Yung, John I. Novak III, R. R. Holden, for "Method And System For Determining A Position Of A Transceiver Unit Utilizing Two-Way Ranging In A Polystatic Satellite Configuration", (Attorney Docket No. PD-96330);
- (3) Serial No. 09/209,062, filed 12/10/98, inventors: Kar W. Yung, David C. Cheng, Donald C. D. Chang, for "Method and System for Incorporating Two-Way Ranging Navigation As a Calibration Reference for GPS", (Attorney Docket No. 970590);
- (4) Serial No. 09/550,505, filed April 17, 2000, inventors: Donald C. D. Chang, Kar W. Yung, David C. Cheng, Frank A. Hagen, Ming U. Chang, John I. Novak III, for "Coherent Synchronization of Code Division Multiple Access Signals", (Attorney Docket No. PD-990185);
- (5) Serial No. 09/576,652, filed May 22, 2000, inventors: Frank A. Hagen, Richard Flammang, Kar W. Yung and Donald C. D. Chang for "Multi-Node Point-To-Point Satellite Communication System Employing Multiple Geo Satellites ", (Attorney Docket No. PD-200029);
- (6) Serial No. 09/584,012 filed May 30, 2000, inventors: Ming U. Chang, Kar W. Yung, Frank A. Hagen, Donald C. D. Chang, for "Multi-Node Wireless Communication System With Multiple Transponding Platforms", (Attorney Docket No. PD-200031);
- (7) Serial No. 09/576,648, filed May 22, 2000, inventors: Kar W. Yung, Frank A. Hagen, Donald C. D. Chang, for Multi-Platform Wireless Communication System For A Variety Of Different User Types, (Attorney Docket No. PD-200049);
- (8) Serial No. 09/611,753, filed July 7, 2000, inventors: Donald C. D. Chang, Ming U. Chang, Ying Feria, Weizheng Wang and Alan Cha, for "Stratospheric-Based Communication System For Mobile Users", (Attorney Docket No. 200061);

- (9) Serial No. 09/644,225, filed August 21, 2000, inventors: Frank A. Hagen, Kar W. Yung, Ying Feria and Donald C. D. Chang, for "Synchronization Method And Apparatus For Multi-Platform Communication System", (Attorney Docket No. PD-200064);
- (10) Serial No. 09/587,960, filed June 6, 2000, inventors: Kar W. Yung, Frank A. Hagen and Donald C. D. Chang, for "Resource Allocation Method For Multi-Platform Communication System", (Attorney Docket No. PD-200066);
- (11) Serial No. 09/587,759, filed June 6, 2000, inventors: Kar W. Yung, Frank A. Hagen, Donald C. D. Chang for "User Positioning Technique For Multi-Platform Communication System", (Attorney Docket No. PD-200067);
- (12) Serial No. 09/652,862, filed August 31, 2000, inventors: Donald C. D. Chang, Alan Cha and Ying Feria, for "Rapid User Acquisition By A Ground-Based Beamformer", (Attorney Docket No. PD-200084);
- (13) Serial No. 09/644,224, filed August 21, 2000, inventors: Donald C. D. Chang and Alan Cha, for "Stratospheric-Based Communication System For Mobile Users Having Adaptive Interference Rejection", (Attorney Docket No. 200085);
- (14) Serial No. 09/661,725, filed September 14, 2000, inventors: Donald C. D. Chang, Alan Chan, Jacqueline C. Chen and Frank A. Hagen, for "Stratospheric-Based Communication System For Mobile Users Having Additional Phased Array Elements For Interference Rejection", (Attorney Docket No. 200101);
- (15) Serial No. 09/669,095, filed September 25, 2000, inventors: Kar W. Yung, Frank A. Hagen, Ying Feria, Donald C. D. Chang, for "Coherent Phase Synchronous Code Division Multiple Access Communications From Multiple Transponder Platforms", (Attorney Docket No. 200107); and
- (16) Serial No. 09/655,041, filed September 5, 2000, inventors: Donald C. D. Chang, Kar W. Yung, Frank A. Hagen and Weizheng Wang, for "Ground-Based Wavefront-Projection

Beamformer For A Stratospheric Communications Platform",
(Attorney Docket No. 200119).

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